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**ACTION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 16, 2006**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Mr. Guyton, Mr. Mauno, Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. Nowatka,  
Mr. Scotto, Mrs. Witkowski, Mayor Walker

**\*\*ACTION:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

NON SECTARIAN INVOCATION:

The Courts have concluded that sectarian prayer as part of City Council meetings is not permitted under the Constitution.

**\*\*ACTION:** Flag salute was led by Councilmember Guyton.  
Councilmember Witkowski gave the invocation.

3. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.  
MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING

**\*\*ACTION:** Accepted. (Scotto/Nowatka); Waived. (Scotto/Nowatka)

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

**\*\*ACTION:** None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**\*\*ACTION:** City Clerk Herbers made the following announcements:

All voters may choose **up to three candidates** for city council. All other offices are vote for one.

That 8000 **Permanent Absent Voter ballots** Permanent Absent voter ballots had been mailed on Monday, May 15 or May 16. Each of these packets contains a yellow ½ sheet insert and is the correct packet and ballot to use.

All other absent voter ballots will be mailed shortly. If requested absentee ballot were not received **by Friday** or there were other questions about an absent voter ballot contact the **office of Steve Logan at 562.462.2381**. Be prepared to give your name as registered to vote and your voting address.

**Sample ballot pamphlets**

All sample ballots pamphlets are mailed in batches by voter group or party - voters will receive them according to their party registration. Those who decline to state their affiliation or belong to the smaller parties will receive their pamphlets last and all should be mailed by the end of the week.

Recently registered voters may receive information at the very end of the process. According to the law, sample ballot pamphlets may be mailed until May 30.

Those wishing to vote by absent voter ballot should use the application on the back of the sample ballot or go to [www.LAVote.net](http://www.LAVote.net) to download an application to fax or send

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electronically.

EARLY Touch Screen Voting will be available at various locations with the closest being Carson Community Center and Redondo Beach Library beginning May 24 through June 2 (including Memorial Day weekend).

The voter registration deadline for this election is May 22. Voter registration forms are available in the city clerk's office and post offices as well as online.

The last public candidate forum will be May 25 from 7-9 p.m. at North High School Library for all candidates

Check out the city clerk website at [www.Toronet.com](http://www.Toronet.com) for written information and links to both [www.SmartVoter.org](http://www.SmartVoter.org) and [www.LAVote.net](http://www.LAVote.net)

The county is still looking for poll workers who are paid **\$80 to \$100 per day and \$25 for attending training**. Bilingual workers are in high demand as well. Call **1-800 815-2666 -- OPTION 7**

Contact the city clerk's office at any time at 310.618.2870.

**\*\*ACTION:** Councilmember Mauno announced the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Observance would be held May 19 through May 21 with displays set up at Del Amo Mall #11 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Parade will be held Saturday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m.

## **6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-38** declaring May 19 through May 21, for observance of the 47th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration.

**\*\*ACTION:** Adopted **RESOLUTION 2006-38**. (Nowatka/Scotto) To be presented at a later date.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-39** expressing appreciation to **Lieutenant General Charles C. Campbell** of the United States Army for serving as Grand Marshal of the 47th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Observance.

**\*\*ACTION:** Adopted **RESOLUTION 2006-39**. (Nowatka/Scotto) To be presented at a later date.

C. **Proclamation** declaring May 14 through May 20, as **Blue Ribbon Week** in the City of Torrance, and encouraging all citizens to remember those individuals who gave their lives for our safety and express appreciation to those who continue their important work of making Torrance a safer place in which to live.

**\*\*ACTION:** Declared. Proclamation accepted by Community Services Officer Kristine Kiesling and Lieutenants Chase, Irvine, Matsuda, and Wilson.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items 7A through 7C on the Consent Calendar were considered routine and were enacted by one motion and one vote. There was no separate discussion of these items. (Mauno/Nowatka)

A. Approval of minutes of March 28, 2006.

**\*\*ACTION:** Approved. (Mauno/Nowatka)

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- B. Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** and **Civil Service Commission** that City Council approve the proposed class specification of Senior Fire Inspector.

**\*\*ACTION:** Approved. (Mauno/Nowatka)

- C. Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council declare the following Tuesdays as City Council Dark Nights in July 2006 through January 2007: July 4, August 29, September 5, October 31, December 26, January 2, January 16, and January 30.

**\*\*ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation. (Mauno/Nowatka)

## **11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- A. Recommendation of the **Finance Director** and the **City Attorney** that City Council:
- 1) Authorize a continuation with the appeals process for a sales and use tax matter pending before the California State Board of Equalization; and
  - 2) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing Attorney Al Koch to examine the sales and use tax collected for the City by the State Board of Equalization.

**\*\*ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation. (Witkowsky/McIntyre)

**\*\*ACTION:** Adopted **RESOLUTION 2006-40**. (Nowatka/Scotto)

AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF SALES AND USE TAX RECORDS
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## **12. HEARINGS**

- A. Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council continue the first public hearing on the City of Torrance proposed budget revisions for the 2nd year of the City's two-year 2005-2007 Operating Budget and hold the second public hearing on May 23. (Companion to Redevelopment Agency item 4A)

**\*\*ACTION:** Public hearing was re-opened at 7:18 p.m. 3 speakers from the audience were heard and at 7:50 p.m. the hearing was continued to May 23 City Council meeting. (Scotto/Guyton)

- B. Recommendation of the **Planning Commission** and the **Community Development Director** that City Council deny the appeal and adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a new two-story single family residence on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 424 Camino de Encanto. **PRE05-00034: CONSTRUCTION DESIGN SERVICES (Hal Hamilton)**

**\*\*ACTION:** Public hearing opened at 7:51 p.m.; 5 speakers from the audience were heard; Public hearing closed at 8:45 p.m. (Witkowsky/Scotto)

**\*\*ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation to deny the appeal and approve the project as modified adding conditions to reduce the grade from 101.75 to 99.75 and that the existing trees located at the rear of the property shall be trimmed to the height of the residence prior to building permit final or occupancy. (Nowatka/Scotto) Yes: Guyton, Mauno, McIntyre, Nowatka, Scotto, and Walker. No: Witkowsky.

**\*\*ACTION:** Adopted **RESOLUTION 2006-41 as amended**. (Nowatka/Scotto) Yes: Guyton, Mauno, McIntyre, Nowatka, Scotto, and Walker. No: Witkowsky

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APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 41 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN the HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 424 CAMINO DE ENCANTO. PRE05-00034: CONSTRUCTION DESIGN SERVICES (HAL HAMILTON

## 15. 2ND READING ORDINANCES

- A. Second and Final Reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3682** adding Section 44.3.15 **44.3.26** of the Torrance Municipal Code ~~to prohibit~~ **relating to the use of** tobacco products on Torrance Beach and approve an ordinance summary for publication.

**\*\*ACTION:** Adopted **ORDINANCE 3682**. (Mauno/Nowatka)

**\*\*ACTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved to approve an ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowski.

**\*\*ACTION:** *Redevelopment Agency met from 8:59 p.m. to 9:02 p.m.*

- 4A. *Recommendation of Redevelopment Agency Deputy Executive Director that the Redevelopment Agency continue the first public hearing on the City of Torrance proposed budget revisions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the City's two-year Operating Budget and hold the second public hearing on May 23. (Companion to City Council item 12A)*

**\*\*RDA ACTION:** *Concurred with staff recommendation to continue the item to the May 23 City Council meeting. (Scotto/Nowatka)*

## 16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

**\*\*ACTION:** Community Development Director Gibson announced May 15 through May 19 as Bike to Work Week encouraging all residents and employees to bike to work with an event on May 18 offering snacks and refreshments to those employees who ride their bikes to work.

**\*\*ACTION:** Councilmember Guyton announced the Armed Forces Day Parade and activities on Saturday, May 20 and encouraged everyone to attend.

**\*\*ACTION:** Councilmember Mauno discussed Fire Services Day held May 13 which showcased new fire equipment including a portable decontamination kit.

**\*\*ACTION:** Councilmember Scotto encouraged everyone to attend the matinee performance of the Army concert at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 19.

**\*\*ACTION:** Councilmember Witkowski echoed comments regarding Fire Services Day and thanked the volunteers from C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) and the HAM radio operators.

**\*\*ACTION:** Leo Lewis, Torrance, expressed concerns of the conditions at Knolls Lodge.

**\*\*ACTION:** Karen Sidler, resident, echoed concerns of the conditions at Knolls Lodge.

## 17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council Closed Session - None

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session – None

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adjourn the City Council and Redevelopment Agency to Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive

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session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**\*\*ACTION:** At 9:21 p.m. City Council and Redevelopment Agency adjourned to Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. (Witkowski/Scotto)

Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk

**"I shall allow no man to belittle my soul by making me hate him."**

*- Booker T. Washington*

City Hall will be closed:

Friday, May 12, Friday, May 26, and **Memorial Day**, Monday, May 29